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# KESSELRING TO ESCAPE BACK

From DAVID BROWN, Reuter's Special Correspondent

Allied H.Q., Mediterranean, Saturday.

WITH the Fifth and Eighth Armies pressing forward, Kesselring is today building up formidable concentrations for the great battle for Bologna, the key city of Lombardy, which controls the roads to the Brenner—and to Germany.

## Subs. Sink 37 Ships, Damage Ten Others

BRITISH submarines have sunk 37 German and German-controlled ships, and damaged at least 10 others, in operations extending from the Arctic Circle to the Aegean, the Admiralty announced last night.

These successes included the destruction of one large, six medium and 28 smaller supply ships. In addition, one R-boat and three naval auxiliary vessels were also sunk.

Our submarines intercepted a convoy of three supply ships off the Norwegian coast, escorted by eight armed trawlers and one E-boat.

The submarine pressed home her attack and obtained several hits with torpedoes, but it was not possible to observe the results.

Many small enemy vessels which were attempting to carry supplies to German-controlled islands in the Aegean were destroyed by gunfire.

One submarine bombarded a radio station in the same area.

ATHENS HAS CURFEW

The movement of civilians in Athens, the Piræus (the port of Athens) and its suburbs is now forbidden from 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. by order of the Military Governor of Greece, says the Greek radio.

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In Central Italy the Fifth Army is slowly and determinedly driving a deep salient towards the sea, and Kesselring, to avoid the danger of being trapped, has been forced to pull out to the east and west in order to straighten his defence line.

American forces have advanced another three miles up the main Florence-Bologna road and reached Filigare, 19 air miles from Bologna.

This advance was made after bitter fighting which is now characteristic of the whole Fifth Army Front.

The Americans also beat off strong counter-attacks against the important fortified town of Battaglia, while the British advanced to the east of the town.

Heavy rain and flooded roads are bogging down vehicles and making mountain tracks impassable even for mules.

WEATHER HOLD-UP

In the Adriatic sea ten miles east of Delfino, yesterday, the crew of two boats were injured and the other British light cruiser, the *Blackburn*, was damaged.

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## Planes Seal Battle Area

From HAROLD MAYES, Reuter's Special Correspondent

Belgium, Saturday.

AIRCRAFT of the Tactical Air Force, in great sweeps

against German road and rail transport, have

practically "sealed off" the North Holland battle

area from behind.

German hopes of bringing up reinforcements and supplies

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## BACK TO CIVILISATION

Leaving the caves for the news that the cross-Channel

guerrilla had been captured.

They could walk in the streets, free from the ever-present threat of a sudden snuff from the enemy's guns on the Calais coast.

The anxiety and strain had been great—just how great only those people who have lived there can know.

But today it all changed like the awakening from a bad dream.

Many of those Dover, Deal and Folkestone people had been living in caves and shelters.

To them, fetching the ration, going to work and church, to friends and the cinema meant

firing with death.

But they held on until the Nazi

hate fell around them.

TOLD BY LOUDSPEAKERS

It was soon after 10 a.m. that the people of the three towns

were told by loudspeakers that all the

medium and heavy guns on the coast

of the Channel had been captured.

Not only in the Dover straits, but in the caves where hundreds of

people had taken refuge during the past month the message was

broadcast, and greeted with cheers that resounded throughout

the town.

And in Folkestone and Deal, at the same time, the same joyful

news was broadcast through the medium of loudspeakers.

The news spread like wildfire and soon all were

in the streets.

Dover was quick to celebrate, led by the Mayor, the

Mayor, in the streets the populace danced and shouted, and from the houses were draped

flags and banners.

Within a few minutes the telephone bells of the town began to

ring and the Dover exchange

was flooded with hundreds of calls of congratulation from

outside, that before long the lines from London were completely

blocked.

OFFERS OF HELP

"You can see a smile on every face," said the Mayor. "People

are very cheerful. No one here

who Dover has endured, and how

thankful we are to be free. We know

there's still work to be done."

But people must not get it into their heads that the war

is over, added the Mayor.

"We are very relieved, but we've

been told to be careful. We know

there's still work to be done."

It was less than an hour before

the news of the capture of the

Channel had been broadcast

across the Channel belt in the

vicinity of Dover.

Since that time Dover has

borne the brunt of the battle. Its

defence is a very complex one.

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